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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 13th MARCH 2022

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 14 March	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 6.30 - 9.00 pm	Playgroup meets in the Rear Hall Guides meet in the Hall
Tuesday 15 March	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 4.30 - 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Playgroup Cosmic Theatre School meet in the Hall Men's Supper Group
Wednesday 16 March	8.45 am – 1.15 pm 2.00 pm 7.00 pm	Playgroup Cuppa and Chatta Gardening Club
Thursday 17 March	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 7.30 – 9.30 pm	Playgroup No Barrow Panto Group this week
Friday 18 March	8.45 am – 4.00 pm 12.30 pm	Playgroup Lent Lunch at Holy Trinity Rooms
Saturday 19 March	10.00 am – 12 noon 2.00 pm	Circuit Safeguarding Training in the Worship Area Crochet and Craft in the Welcome Coffee Bar
Sunday 20 March	10.15 am	John/Dorothy Pipet Coffee: Kate and Mike

As Covid restrictions are now lifted our Church Council is advising that you continue to wear a mask while moving around in Church - this now is a personal choice, but we urge you to think of the health and safety of others. If you are unwell or have the symptoms of Covid -19, varied though they are, you are asked to stay at home and isolate.

ANNUAL REPORT

I am compiling our Annual Report ready for our AGM in May. If anyone has anything that they would like to include, please let me have it asap janetmthompson13@gmail.com or hand me a copy – Many thanks – Janet

SUNDAY WORSHIP

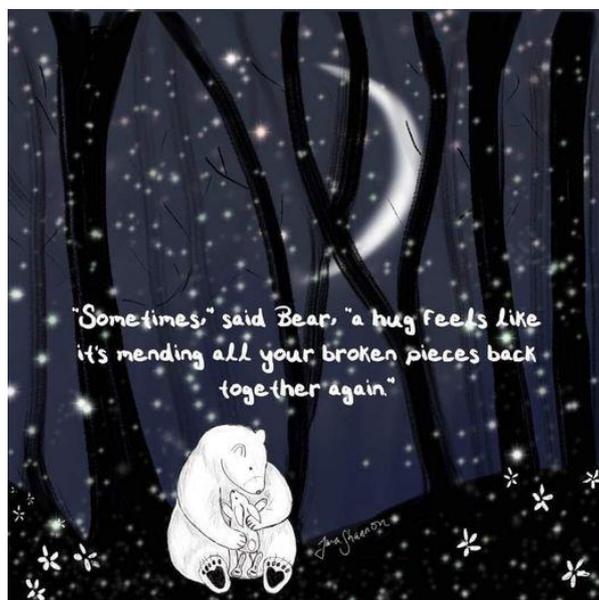
Sunday 13 March	10.15 am	Anne Temple Coffee: Janet
Sunday 20 March	10.15 am	John/Dorothy Pipet Coffee: Kate and Mike
Sunday 27 March	10.15 am	Tilly Yates Coffee: Bill and Nancy
Sunday 3 April	10.15 am	Rev Sandra Marshall – Sacrament Coffee:
Sunday 10 April	10.15 am	Local Arrangement

		Coffee: Soo and Sandra W
Good Friday 15 April	12 noon	Good Friday Service lead by Rev Sandra Marshall followed by Frugal Lunch
Easter Sunday Sunday 17 April	10.15 am	Angela Latham Coffee:
Sunday 24 April	10.15 am	Roger Latham Coffee: Heather

As you can see, there are still blanks on the Coffee Rota for next month and beyond – if you feel that you could help in this way then please have a word with Mike.

12TH Church is streamed every Sunday morning at 10.45 am on Facebook

Sunday 13 March	Eleri Bristow
Sunday 20 March	Liz and Rob Newton
Sunday 27 March	Rev Andrew Lomax
Sunday 3 April	The Pipet Family
Sunday 10 April	Emma Lowe
Sunday 17 April	Rev Andrew Lomax
Sunday 24 April	Liz and Rob Newton



A reflection from Adrian for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

The bowl and the towel are placed by the Cross

Jesus "got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him." (John 13: 4)



Over the last year, even if we were never very particular before, we have got used to the idea of "Wash Hands – Keep Safe – Protect the NHS!" The message has been driven home in the media in all ways it can imagine. But the idea of washing to be clean is nothing new!

At the beginning of the meal to celebrate the Passover with his friends we read of a normal occurrence for those arriving at a house. Not just washing hands but the washing of feet to remove the dust of the journey was part of the greeting by the host to those arriving. But it was a ritual undertaken not by the host but by a servant. Feet were washed, much as we are encouraged today to wash or sanitise our hands when we come in.

However, this is different as, here we see Jesus taking of the role of the servant. It is Jesus who takes the bowl and the towel and kneels in front of his friends to wash their feet. The host welcomes his guests. The master takes on the role of servant.

Even without John's account of the conversation in the following verses of chapter 13, it is not difficult to imagine the reaction that this would have received from the disciples. Jesus draws the conversation to a close with this instruction - *since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you (v14-5)*. Jesus shows the disciples that all are equal. No one is better than the master. They should remember how to look after each other, and their neighbours. Take the example, take the message, act as servants to those you meet.

You may recall that we sometimes sing *Jesu, Jesu (StF 249)* a song that has its origins in a Ghanaian folk song. The words pick up on the theme of Jesus conversation with the lawyer (Luke 10:27...) about the most important commandment. The verses remind us how we should serve, reminding us that we are all servants to all those we meet. Whilst we may not literally kneel, or even be able to get to our knees, at the feet of our friends; there are many who can and do live by the mantra "*Do as I have done to you!*" and for whom we are most grateful.

I pray that we may all continue to keep safe and live in hope for the future when we can meet together to worship our Lord and Saviour.

Adrian

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Loving God, as the world continues to face the challenge of disease, we give thanks for all who bring healing and health to others; for those who work in hospitals, GP practices, hospices and care homes; for those who volunteer giving time, love and care; for delivery drivers, refuse collectors, supermarket staff; for teachers, social workers and all who care for others. We give thanks for scientists developing treatments and vaccines; for those willing to be used in trials so that others can be well and free; for experts in public health and for all those on the frontline of infection control. In the name of Christ, the healer. Amen.

Michaela Youngson, Assistant Secretary, British Methodist Conference and Connexional Ecumenical Officer
